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Applicants:	Rob D. Everett, et al.	Docket	13,507.2
Serial No.:	09/518,756	Group:	1771
Filed:	March 3, 2000	Examiner:	Torres Velazquez, N.
For:	LAYERED ABSORBENT STRUCTURE WITH A HETERGEONEOUS LAYER REGION	Date:	Sepetember 24, 2001

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

**Claims As Amended**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total	32	Minus	34	=	0	x	18 =		\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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### Amendment After Final Rejection

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 2 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

For each of the following claims, substitute the indicated claim for the corresponding, pending claim having the same claim number.

1. (amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
  - a backsheet layer;
  - a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer;
  - an absorbent composite structure sandwiched between said backsheet and topsheet layers, said absorbent composite including an absorbent core having a first primary layer region and at least a second primary layer region;
  - at least one of said first and second primary layer regions having a Liquid Wicking Value of at least about 38%; and

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